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Prior application information: Examiner: Eduardo C. Robert Group Art Unit: 3732			
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Sir:

This is a request for filing a ☒ continuation ☐ divisional application under 37 CFR § 1.53(b), of pending prior application no. 09/660,287, filed on September 12, 2000, which claims the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/153,239, filed on September 13, 1999.

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for BONE PLATING SYSTEM

(title of invention)

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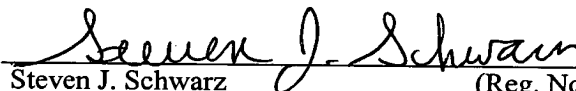
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- 4a. ☒ New formal drawings are enclosed.
- 4b. ☐ Informal drawings are enclosed.
- 5a. ☐ Priority of application no. filed on in is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119.
- 5b. ☐ The certified copy has been filed in prior application no. , filed .

6. ☒ The prior application is assigned of record to Synthes (U.S.A.)
- 7a. ☒ A copy of the Power of Attorney filed in the prior application no. 09/660,287, filed September 12, 2000, is enclosed.
- 7b. ☐ A Power of Attorney is enclosed.
8. ☐ This application contains nucleic acid and/or amino acid sequences required to be disclosed in a Sequence Listing under 37 CFR §§1.821-1.825. It is requested that the Sequence Listing in computer readable form from prior application no., filed on be made a part of the present application as provided for by 37 C.F.R. §1.821(e). The sequences disclosed therein are the same as the sequences disclosed in this application. A copy of the paper Sequence Listing from application no. is enclosed.
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11. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement

Respectfully submitted,

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